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FOR GARRISON FROM MATLOCK

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. THERE HAS BEEN A SLOW, BUT PERCEPTIVE DETERIORATION IN THE EMBASSY'S POWER SITUATION IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. WE SHOULD BE RECEIVING 230 VOLTS FROM THE CITY SERVICE INTO THE CHANCERY. OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS IT HAS BEEN EDGING DOWNWARDS TO APPROXIMATELY 215 VOLTS. SEVERAL DAYS AGO THE CITY POWER AUTHORITIES NOTIFIED US THAT THEY WOULD BE DOING SOME TECHNICAL SWITCHING OVER OF FACILITIES NEAR THE EMBASSY AND THE POWER MIGHT BE INTERRUPTED FOR A FEW MOMENTS. AS A RESULT OF THIS CHANGE YESTERDAY, WE ARE RECEIVING CONSISTENTLY 205 VOLTS. A DROP OF AN ADDITIONAL FIVE VOLTS WILL FORCE US TO USE THE EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR TO OPERATE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. THIS WOULD CAUSE CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE, AND IT IS NOT AN ESPECIALLY SAFE OPERATION. A FEW MONTHS AGO SOME CONSIDERATION HAD BEEN GIVEN TO REDUCING THE VOLTAGE AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. DO YOU KNOW IF ANY ACTION WAS TAKEN? IF SO, THE PRESENT LOW VOLTAGE SITUATION HERE MAY BE A RESULT OF DELIBERATE SOVIET POLICY. IF WE ARE NOT REDUCING VOLTAGE AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, THEN THE EMBASSY PLANS TO PROTEST OFFICIALLY TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

2. WE HAVE MADE NO PROGRESS ON INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF
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THE CHANCERY'S ELECTRICAL POWER SERVICE (THIS IS DISTINCT

FROM THE VOLTAGE PROBLEL) NOR IN OBTAINING AFTER A COUPLE OF MONTHS OF TRYING, ESTIMATES FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATION AND UTILITIES FOR THE FINNISH DACHA. ADDITIONALLY, UPDK HAS ALREADY TOLD US THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE DOCTOR'S MEDICAL LABORATORY CANNOT BE STARTED BEFORE 1977. ASIDE FROM THE SIX APARTMENTS WE RECEIVED IN MAY, NEARLY A YEAR LATE, WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ANY SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM UPDK. WE SUSPECT, OF COURSE, THE SOVIETS ARE HOLDING UP ON MANY OF OUR REQUESTS BECAUSE OF THE NEW CHANCERIES ISSUE. YESTERDAY, PERHAPS UNINTENTIONALLY, UPDK TOLD ADMIN IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY ABOUT THE STIMATES FOR THE FINNISH DACHA WORK, THAT IT WAS BEING LOOKED INTO BUT IN THE MEANTIME UPDK WANTED TO KNOW WHERE WERE THE TRANSLATIONS FOR THE NEW EMBASSY BLUEPRINTS. THOSE INCIDENTALLY WERE DELIVERED TODAY (SEE MOSCOW 12197). HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE LINKING UPDK'S SERVICES FOR ANY SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS TO THE CHANCERIES ISSUE.

3. ROBIN TOOK STRELETSKAYA PLANS TO KIEV TO PRESENT THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, HE FEELS STRONGLY, ON BASIS OF HIS EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH KIEVANS, THAT SUBMISSION OF DRAWINGS FOR GROUND FLOOR (WHICH SHOWS USE OF LAND OUTSIDE BUILDINGS) COULD SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE OUR EFFORTS TO RESOLVE BOUNDARIES ISSUE. SINCE HE FEELS THAT SUCH ITEMS AS PLACEMENT OF GARAGE COULD BE SEIZED UPON AS EXCUSE FOR NOT IMPROVING ACCESS FROM SIDE, WE TOLD HIM TO TURN OVER ALL PLANS EXCEPT THOSE FOR GROUND FLOOR. IF YOU FEEL THAT GROUND FLOOR DESIGN SHOULD ALSO BE PRESENTED DESPITE ROBIN'S RESERVATIONS (WHICH WE SHARE), WE WILL PASS WORD TO HIM TO DO SO.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS APPOINTMENT WITH KORNIYENKO FOR AUGUST 5 TO PRESENT REP LIST. IN VIEW RATIONALE GIVEN IN STATE 191133, SHOULD HE ALSO PRESENT NOTE ON MARITIME AGREEMENT AT SAME TIME? ARE THERE ANY UPBEAT ITEMS AT ALL WHICH CAN BE MENTIONED DURING CALL?

5. IS THERE OBJECTION TO AMBASSADOR TELLING PRESS AT AUG 6 BRIEFING THAT HE HAS PRESENTED REP LIST, AND SUPPLYING FIGURES REGARDING RESULTS OF LAST ONE? (I INFORMED CORRESPONDENTS
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A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, THAT WE WERE WORKING ON UPDATE).

6. WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR PROMISED INSTRUCTIONS ON KOREA? (STATE 184201).

7. SIMONS HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM PERSONNEL REGARDING HIS AVAILABILITY FOR POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT TO BUCHAREST AS

DCM. IF THIS SHOULD COME THROUGH, IT WOULD REQUIRE HIS DEPARTURE IN FEBRUARY. ARE WE PRETTY WELL SET FOR CHARLIE MAGEE AS REPLACEMENT, AND IF SO COULD WE SPRING CHARLIE LOOSE THAT EARLY?

8. EGON NOTES THAT MEMO BROUGHT BY AMBASSADOR ON J-C MEETINGS LIST PRINCIPALS ON HEALTH AGREEMENT AS DRS. COOPER AND VENEDIKTOV. OUR RECORDS SHOW MATHEWS-PETROVSKY. HAS THERE BEEN FORMAL CHANGE ON CO-CHAIRMANSHIP?

9. THE BRITISH SCIENCE COUNSELOR TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT HYDROMET HAD INFORMED HIM THAT BILL BROWN TELEPHONED JULY 30 TO CONFIRM THAT NOVEMBER 15 IS ACCEPTABLE DATE FOR ENVIRONMENT J-C MEETING. WE ARE REFRAINING FROM REPORTING THIS THROUGH REGULAR CHANNELS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING ON WHAT HAPPENED. IF BROWN DID INDEED CALL WITH THAT MESSAGE, THIS WOULD SEEM PRIME EXAMPLE OF BYPASSING EMBASSY ON POLITICALLY SENSITIVE MATTER - AS WELL AS POSSIBLY CONVEYING MESSAGE PREMATURELY. WE FEEL THAT WE HAVE COME A LONG WAY IN PROVIDING PROMPT, COORDINATED DELIVERY OF MESSAGES, BUT SYSTEM COULD UNRAVEL QUICKLY IF EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES RESORT TO DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS WITHOUT INFORMING YOU OR US.

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